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Sir:

Please cancel Claims 1-19 and replace them with new Claims 20-33.

REMARKS

Support for the new claims is clear from drawing Figures 1 and 2A even without the accompanying explanation in the specification.

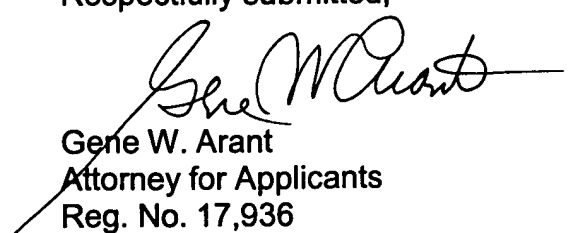
The invention involves a novel method and apparatus for joining pipes wherein the liners are not in physical contact, but gas or fluid flowing in one liner can flow through the joint into the other liner.

Favorable action is solicited.

Enclosure

Respectfully submitted,

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